GOVERNMENT OF ANDHRA PRADESH
ABSTRACT

Public Services – Forest Department – Disciplinary action against Sri D.Chiranjeevi Rao, Forest Range Officer(Retd.), formerly SF Range-II, Srikakulam Division -Article of Charge issued – Inquiry report of Inquiry Officer communicated – Imposing a penalty of 5% cut in pension for a period of one year- Final Orders–Issued.

ENVIRONMENT, FORESTS, SCIENCE & TECHNOLOGY (SEC.IV) DEPARTMENT

G.O.MS.No. 8 Dated: 25-01-2017
Read the following:

1. From the PCCF, Lr.Rc.No.29058/2006/A&DC-1, dated 28.04.2016.
2. G.M. No. 2729/Sec.IV/A1/2016, dt. 18.07.2016
3. From the PCCF, Rc. No. 29058/2006/A&DC-1, dt. 09.12.2016.
4. Govt. Lr. No. 2729/Sec.IV/A1/2016, dt.16.12.2016
5. From the APPSC, Lr. No. 08/DC&C/2/2017, dt. 07.01.2017.

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In the reference 1st read above, the Principal Chief Conservator of Forests, has informed that Article of charge was issued to Sri D.Chiranjeevi Rao, Forest Range Officer(Retd.), formerly SF Range-II, Srikakulam Division under Rule 20 of APCS(CC&A) Rules,1991 on the following count:-

Article: "That he had shown gross negligence, committing several Irregularities on poor performance of grading, transporting of seedlings as well as condition of nursery".

Thus he failed to maintain absolute integrity, devotion to duty and exhibited conduct unbecoming of a Government employee in violation of Rule 3 of APCS(Conduct) Rules,1964.

2. The retired Charged Officer acknowledged the Article of Charge on 30.10.2006 and did not submit his explanation within the stipulated time. Hence, the Prl.Chief Conservator of Forests, Andhra Pradesh, Hyderabad appointed Conservator of Forests, P&E Visakhapatnam as Inquiry Officer and Divisional Forest Officer, Social Forestry, Srikakulam Division as Presenting Officer vide his proc. No.29058/2006/PXA3(i&ii), dt.27.11.2007, for conducting regular enquiry.

3. The Inquiry Officer conducted the inquiry and submitted findings vide Lr.Rc.No.1446/2006/D, dt.26.09.2009 and concluded that the Forest Range Officer has committed irregularities as pointed out in the Article of Charges and the charge leveled against him was held proved.

4. The findings of the Inquiry Officer were communicated to the Charged Officer vide PCCF ref.No.29058/2006/K1, dt.04.12.2009, for submission of further defense.

5. The Charged Officer retired from Government service on attaining the age of superannuation on 31.08.2011. Hence the disciplinary proceedings are continued under Rule 9 of AP Revised pension Rules, 1980.

6. After careful examination of the matter, with reference to the findings of the Inquiry Officer, the remarks of the Prl. Chief Conservator of Forests, and material made available, Government have observed that the charge framed against the Charged Officer was held proved and provisionally decided to impose a penalty of 5% cut in pension for a period of one year against Sri D. Chiranjeevi Rao, FRO(Retd.), formerly Social Forestry Range-II, Srikakulam Division, under rule 9 of A.P. Revised Pension Rules, 1980.

7. Accordingly a Show-Cause-Notice was issued to the retired officer vide reference 2nd read above. The PCCF, A.P., Hyderabad, vide ref.3rd read above has informed that, no further defense statement has been received from the charged officer within the stipulated time.

8. Government, after careful examination of the matter hereby order to impose a penalty of 5% cut in pension for a period of one year against the retired Charged Officer Sri D. Chiranjeevi Rao, FRO(Retd.), under Rule 9 of A.P. Revised Pension Rules, 1980.

9. The Principal Chief Conservator of Forests, A.P., Guntur is directed to take action accordingly.

(BY ORDER AND IN THE NAME OF THE GOVERNOR OF ANDHRA PRADESH)

G.ANANTHA RAMU
PRINCIPAL SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT

To
The Principal Chief Conservator of Forests, A.P., Guntur.
The Individual (through Principal Chief Conservator of Forests).

Copy to:
The Accountant General (A&E) A.P., Hyderabad.
The Director of Treasuries & Accounts, Hyderabad, A.P.
The Principal Secretary, A.P. Public Service Commission, Hyderabad
(with ref. to Lr.No.08 /DC&C/2/2017, dt.07.01.2017).

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SECTION OFFICER